



ON DEVASTATING DREADNAUGHTS: A GUIDE

OVERVIEW: Dreadnaughts dwarf stars. They are huge. They are nasty, intruding where they are least wanted. Dreadnaughts can destroy fleets, planets, solar systems and entire galaxies.

OBJECTIVE: DISABLE AND DESTROY ALL DREADNAUGHTS. Failure will result in the negation of this galaxy.

Your mission ends when you destroy the entire Dreadnaught convoy, when any Dreadnaught reaches the Blackhole with at least one missile still intact, or when all Novanry Hyperfighters have been destroyed.

IGNITION

- **Insert cartridge.** Turn power on.

- **To select one of seven missions:**

Atari® Home Computers: Press Game Select until the number of the desired mission appears onscreen.

SEDO®: Press Reset on left controller. Press 1-7 on controller pad.

- **To begin:**

Atari® Home Computers: Press Start on console, then push Joystick forward or press the firing button.

SEDO®: Press Start on left controller, then press any side button.

- Turn power off before removing the cartridge.

HYPERFIGHTER BASICS

PLACING:

- **To accelerate:** Push Joystick forward.

- **To decelerate:** Pull back on Joystick.

WEAPONRY

Atari® Home Computers: Press Joystick button to fire laser bolts. To drop strontium bombs, press Joystick button three times.

SEDO®: Press either top-side Joystick button to drop strontium bombs. Press either bottom-side Joystick button to fire laser bolts.

HYPERFIGHTER RESERVE STATUS: You will begin each mission with 10 Novanry Hyperfighters. While flying missions 1-4, 8 additional Hyperfighters will be added to your squadron for each Dreadnaught you destroy. Receive 4 additional Hyperfighters for each Dreadnaught destroyed on missions 5-7.

CLASSIFIED PRIORITY ONE

What follows represents all existing intelligence on the Dreadnaughts. Read it carefully.

STATUS SCREEN: Consult your status screen before take-off. Your Navy's Hyperfighters appear at the Stargate. Behind you are reserve Hyperfighters, lined up in attack sequence in front of the Galactic Unstable Energy Field. At the top of the status screen you will see the total number of Dreadnaughts destroyed on this mission, the outline of the Dreadnaught you will attack, and that Dreadnaught's distance from the Stargate, as measured in parsecs.

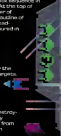
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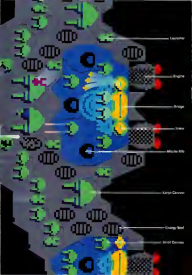
Launch your Navy's Hyperfighter from the Ground Zero Stargate. Proceed on course for the Dreadnaught. Bomb or strafе Dreadnaught targets. Once beyond the Dreadnaught, you will return to the Stargate and prepare for another attack pass. The Dreadnaught advances on the Stargate when an attack pass is completed.

SCORING DIRECT HITS: You earn points for destroying each Dreadnaught target and prematurely detonating in-flight tracking missiles launched from the Dreadnaught. Score bonus points for each Dreadnaught you destroy.

RESPONSIBLE REPAIRS: destroy the following targets for these point values.

Energy Vent	100
Engine	200
Gun	100





LASER BOLTS destroy the following Dreadnaught weapons for these point awards:

WEAPON	POINTS
Small Cannon	1
Large Cannon	5
Drone Launcher	5
Turret	5
Queen Launcher	10
Bridge	10

BOMBING PRIORITIES

- Destroy all **BRIDGES** to reduce Dreadnaught firing rate by 50 percent.
- Destroy each **ENGINE** to slow the Dreadnaught's approach velocity.
- **BELLS** house anti-matter missiles which can detonate the Unstable Energy Field. Destroy them.
- In order to destroy a Dreadnaught, bomb all **ENERGY VENTS**.

MISSION VARIATIONS

Mission Level	Difficulty	Number of Dreadnaughts
1	Begin	1
2	Novice	1
3	Intermediate	2
4	Challenge	3
5	Advanced	10
6	Expert	15
7	YDDBK ²	100

¹ You've Got To Be Kidding

² Note of fire represents as level of mission advanced

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Be sure to write "The Dreadnaught Faction" on the bottom left corner of the envelope.



TACTICAL TIPS FROM THE TOP

Tips from Tom Loughry, designer of The Dreadnaught Faction, and Eric Nikolai, editor of this version.

Keep track of the Dreadnaught's distance from the Stargate. As it gets closer it's a good idea to slow down its velocity by bombing the engine. If it gets really close, destroy all the missile pods. That way the Unstable Energy Field is safe even if the Dreadnaught reaches the Stargate. Unless you lose all your Hyperfighters, that is.

Destroy those Dreadnaught weapons which give you the most difficulty. But keep in mind that the only way to destroy a Dreadnaught is by bombing all its energy vents. Don't waste time or attack power trying to destroy every target.

Let us hear from you between missions. We'd like that. May the grace of God be with you.



Eric Nikolai



Tom Loughry

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